

**Amendments to the Claims:**

Claim 9 is amended.

Please replace all prior versions and listings of claims with the following Listing of Claims:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Original) A composition comprising a plurality of yeast cells, wherein said plurality of yeast cells are characterized by their ability to treat nephrotic syndrome in a subject, said ability resulting from their having been cultured in the presence of an alternating electric field having a frequency in the range of 9500 to 13500 MHz and a field strength in the range of 250 to 600 mV/cm, as compared to yeast cells not having been so cultured.
2. (Original) The composition of claim 1, wherein said frequency is in the range of 9700-10700 or 11800-12800 MHz.
3. (Original) The composition of claim 1, wherein said field strength is in the range of 285-305, 285-315, 320-350, 325-355, 340-370, 360-390, 400-440, 410-450, 430-470, 440-480, 460-500 or 480-520 mV/cm.
4. (Original) The composition of claim 1, wherein said yeast cells are cells of the species *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, *Saccharomyces carlsbergensis*, *Saccharomyces rouxii*, *Saccharomyces sake*, *Saccharomyces uvarum*, *Saccharomyces sp.*, *Schizosaccharomyces pombe*, or *Rhodotorula aurantiaca*.
5. (Original) The composition of claim 1, wherein said yeast cells are cells of the strain deposited at the China General Microbiological Culture Collection

Center with an accession number selected from the group consisting of AS2.502, IFFI1010, AS2.53, ACCC2045, IFFI1072 and AS2.248.

6. (Original) The composition of claim 1, wherein said composition is in the form of a tablet, powder, or a health drink.

7. (Original) The composition of claim 6, wherein said composition is in the form of a health drink.

8. (Original) The composition of claim 1, wherein said nephrotic syndrome is caused by minimal change disease, focal segmental glomerular sclerosis, membranous glomerulonephritis or mesangial proliferative glomerulonephritis.

9. (Currently amended) A method of preparing a yeast composition, comprising culturing a plurality of yeast cells in the presence of an alternating electric field having a frequency in the range of 9500 to 13500 MHz and a field strength in the range of 250 to 600 mV/cm for a period of time, wherein said composition is capable of treating nephrotic syndrome in a subject as compared to yeast cells not having been so cultured.

10. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein said frequency is in the range of 9700-10700 or 11800-12800 MHz.

11. (Original) A method for treating nephrotic syndrome in a subject, comprising administering to said subject the composition of claim 1.

12. (Original) The method of claim 11 comprising oral administration.